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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7058**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1585

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 14, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Police Equipment.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Porter

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Required Patrol Officer Equipment-* The bill requires all patrol officers in Indiana to be equipped while on duty with a firearm, a nightstick, a taser, and mace by July 1, 2016. The bill allows for exceptions.

*Grants & Funds-* The bill requires the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to identify grants and other funds that may be used to finance the purchase of required patrol officer equipment.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Required Patrol Officer Equipment-* Patrol officers from state law enforcement agencies, including university law enforcement, would be required to carry four items: a firearm, a nightstick, a taser, and mace. Although most state law enforcement agency patrol officers carry a firearm, a nightstick or baton, and oleoresin capicum (OC) spray ('pepper spray'), most do not carry a taser. State expenditures would increase primarily to equip patrol officers with tasers and mace, if OC spray is not considered acceptable. Presumably, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

*Grants & Funds-* The ICJI would be required to search for and identify grants or other funds that could be used for purchasing patrol officer equipment. It is a routine function of the ICJI to find sources of funding for law enforcement agencies. Therefore, the ICJI could accomplish this provision within existing staff levels.

*Additional Information-* The Indiana State Police (ISP), Conservation Officer's Corps., and State Excise Police and the Purdue University and Indiana University police departments require all of their patrol officers to carry a firearm, baton, and OC spray. The Department of Natural Resources has approved the use of tasers. However, conservation officers must secure alternative funding for their purchase such as sheriffs or prosecutors funds. The ISP and the Indiana University police department do not use tasers at present.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Required Patrol Officer Equipment-* It is likely that the majority of local law enforcement agencies issue a firearm, baton, and OC spray already to their patrol officers. Any items that are currently not in use would have to be purchased to equip their patrol officers. Expenditures needed could be offset by any grants found either by the local law enforcement agency or the ICJI.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Law enforcement agencies with patrol officers; Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

**Local Agencies Affected:** law enforcement agencies with patrol officers.

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